

To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the WAREHAM URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your perusal my Report on the health and sanitary condition of the Borough of Wareham for the year ending December 31st 1900.

AREA. The district comprises 124 acres.

POPULATION. At the Census of 1891 the population was 2,141 - estimated to the middle of 1900, 2290.

BIRTH-RATE. There have been 51 births, giving a birth-rate of 22.2.

DEATH-RATE. There have been 43 deaths including 17 at the workhouse. In the Borough 26 deaths have occurred giving a death-rate of 11.3.

Of these deaths

1	occurred	under	the	age	of	1	year
2	"	"	"	"	"	5	years
1	"	"	"	"	"	15	
2	"	"	"	"	"	25	
8	"	"	"	"	"	65	
12	occurred	over	the	age	of	65.	

3	were	due	to	Pneumonia
4	,	,	,	Cardiac Disease
3	,	,	,	Zymotic Diseases.



ZYMOTIC. There have been 3 deaths from Zymotic Diseases.

INFANT MORTALITY. Only one death occurred.

PREVALENCE OF DISEASE. 22 cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during the year, 5 cases of Diphtheria, and 3 of Erysipelas, making a total of 30 cases under the Notification of Diseases Act.

Scarlet fever of a mild type has been prevalent in the Borough and appears to be a continuation of last year's epidemic. The few cases of Diphtheria were probably imported from the Rural district.

WATER-SUPPLY. A good supply of water has been obtained and only awaits the Engineer's report.

SEWERAGE and DRAINAGE. There is no regular system of drainage. Vault privies have been converted on the earth system as opportunities occurred.

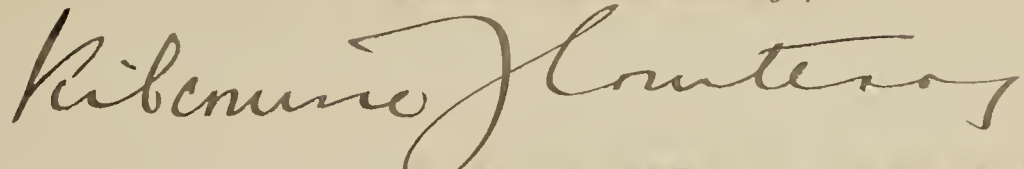
SLAUGHTER-, BAKE-, and LODGING-HOUSES are all in a fairly satisfactory state

I have made a systematic inspection of the Borough and have paid special visits when required to do so.

Appended hereto is a summary of sanitary work, furnished by the Sanitary Inspector and the usual tables.

I have the honour to be,

Yours obediently,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ribcumb Flowering'.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your perusal my report on the health and sanitary condition of the Borough of Wareham for the year ending Dec 31 1899.

I have made a careful inspection of this Borough on several occasions. Several houses in Church Lane have vault-closets which were completely out of repair but they have now been thoroughly repaired.

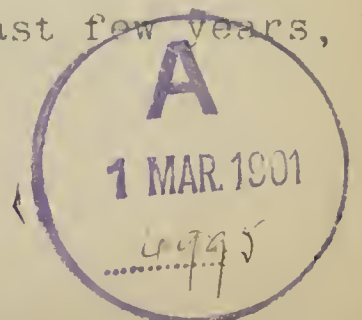
At the bottom of South St. turning into Brewery Lane there was a foul gutter in connection with two houses but this has now been attended to.

In Trinity Lane I had to order the removal of pigs kept too near a dwelling house.

A new gutter has replaced the old one leading under the footpath leading from Brewery Lane.

I still strongly advise a relief-drain to take away the overflow from around the Red Lion Hotel.

During the year 1899, 45 deaths occurred in the entire Borough. This in a population of 2141 gives a death-rate of 22 per 1,000. In Wareham proper, not including the Workhouse, 35 deaths occurred, the remaining 10 at the Workhouse. This is a great increase on the last few years, but



25 of these deaths were persons over 65 years of age.

Of these 45 deaths,

5	were	under	the	age	of	1	year	
5	-	-	-	-	-	5	years	
3	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	
1	was	-	-	-	-	25	-	
6	were	-	-	-	-	65	-	
The remainder were over 65 -								

Of these deaths

7	were	due	to	Bronchitis	and	Pneumonia	
2	-	-	-	Phthisis			
3	-	-	-	Heart Disease			
1	was	-	-	an Injury			
The remainder from old age and ordinary diseases.							

There have been 48 births during the year.

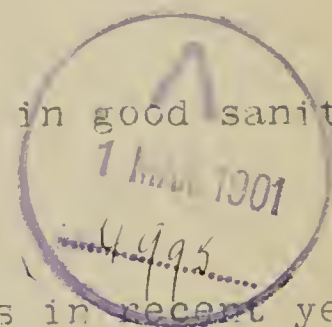
During the month of October the town was visited by an epidemic of Scarlatina which in November involved the closing of the public Schools, and in the middle of December Influenza made its appearance in a most virulent form.

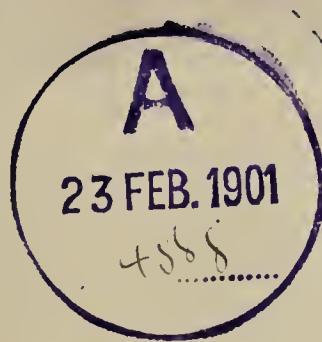
The Water Supply we hope soon to have in the town. Everything is being done to expedite matters so that we shall soon have a thoroughly good supply in quantity and quality.

The Bake-house, Slaughter-house and Lodging-house are in good sanitary condition.

The health of the town has not been so satisfactory as in recent years owing to the two epidemics that visited the town.

William J. Couteros
W. J. C.





WARHAM

February 1901

Gentlemen

I have the honour to present to you my report from June to the end of the year 1900, prepared according to the suggestions of the County Council

AREA. The district comprises 93,098 acres.

POPULATION. The population according to the Census of 1891 was 11,799, and estimated to the middle of 1900 is 12,846.

BIRTH-RATE. There were 228 births registered during the year, giving a birth-rate of 17.7 per 1,000, compared with 21.29 in 1899.

DEATH-RATE. There were 169 deaths registered, including 16 which occurred in the workhouse, which is 30 more than the previous year, and gives a Death-rate of 13.1 compared with 10.6 in 1899.

Of these 84 or half the total number were above 65 years of age at the time of death.

ZYMOTIC. 6 deaths have occurred from Diphtheria, 2 from Scarlet fever and 1 from Enteric.

INFANT MORTALITY. There were 16 deaths in infants under 1 year of age, the same as last year, giving a Death-rate of 70 per 1,000 births registered.

GENERAL. Only 9 of these deaths were due to Phthisis, 12 to Bronchitis and 7 to Pneumonia.

NOTIFICATION. I have received 78 Certificates under the Notification of

Infectious Diseases Act, viz.

61 from Diphtheria

6 „ Erysipelas

87 „ Scarlet Fever

4 „ Enteric

Scarlet Fever of a mild type has been prevalent in Corfe Castle and the Wareham rural district, and appears to be a continuation of last years epidemic.

19 cases of Diphtheria occurred at Bere Regis, 7 at Corfe Castle and 5 in the Wareham District.

Diphtheria started in Bere Regis from an imported case and spread from intercourse among the children. There were only two fatal cases - all the houses having been disinfected and sanitary arrangements attended to. The Corfe Castle cases were noticed in the report for the first half of the year.

It was necessary to close the schools at Bere Regis during the epidemic.

The school at Borden was also closed owing to an outbreak of Whooping Cough.

Since the cases of Diphtheria at Northport the Railway Co. have entirely reconstructed their drainage system.

There were 4 cases of Enteric, one at *Philtholes* imported from the South part of the County - the three other cases were also imported. The necessary precautions were taken and no further cases occurred.

WATER-SUPPLY. Nothing has been done to improve the supply at *Tadnoll* Dairy.

For other parts the supply is fairly satisfactory.

SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE. There is no regular system of drainage in any part of
of the district. Vault privies have been converted into

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Earth ones as opportunity occurred.

COTTAGE ACCOMMODATION. An improvement in this matter is still to be desired.
SLAUGHTER-HOUSES, BAKE-HOUSES, COOK-HOUSES, and DAIRIES are all in a fairly
satisfactory state.

GENERAL. I have made a systematic inspection of the district with the Sanitary Inspector, and made special visits to inquire into outbreaks of infectious disease and to advise measures for its control. I might mention that I have only held the appointment since June and therefore my report only deals in many matters with the latter half of the year.

Appended hereto is a summary of the sanitary work furnished by the Sanitary Inspector and the usual tables which take in the whole of the year.

I have the honour to be

Yours obediently

Medical Officer of Health.

Rilemnio J. Montenegro

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